

U. S. DYE PRODUCTION NOW MEETS DEMAND

Chemists' Convention Told of Progress Since War.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 4. — Addressing to-day's session of the American Chemical Society convention here, Dr. Thomas H. Norton, a dyestuff expert, declared that after years of dependence upon Germany for its dyes America now

He said the creation of a self-contained American coal tar color industry is regarded as the boldest and most noteworthy achievement in the economic annals of the country.

"It means the establishment on our soil of the most complicated and highly organized industry thus far known," Dr. Newton said. "It is a step that has been long desired."

From a handful of factories in 1914, employing less than five hundred persons producing one-tenth of the amount of the artificial colors required by American manufacturers and using almost entirely German intermediates, the American color industry has suddenly grown

"Since January 1, 1900, some 2,000 patents in this branch have been issued by our Government. Among these are 665 patents in azo colors, 378 in anthracene colors, 283 for indigo and 217 for sulphur colors."

Dr. Allen Rogers, professor of industrial chemistry at the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, discussed shark meat. He pronounced it good.

Shark steak, tender, palatable and firm, is being eaten by thousands of persons in this country who do not know what it is, he said.

A new industry has sprung up

New England, he added, catching, preparing and canning sharks. The cans are sent out under names that do not mention the word shark.

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